Statement-II

Centres Identified for development by the committee on pilgrim tourism.

State	Centre/Place
Assam	Kamakhaya
Bihar	Bodhgaya Patna Saheb
Gujarat	Dwarka Palitana Udwada (near Vapi)
Himachal Pradesh	Paonta Saheb
Jammu & Kashmir	Jwalaji Mata Vaishnodevi
Karnataka	Sringeri Gulberga
Kerala	Guruvayur
Madhya Pradesh	Ujjain
Maharashtra	Shirdi (Nasik) Nanded Jyotiba in Kolep Dist.
Orisspa	Jagannath Puri
Rajasthan	Ajmer Sharief
Tamilnadu	Rameshwaram
Uttar Pradesh	Badrinath Circuit and Barsana-Nandgoan-Gokul-Mathura-Brindavan-Goverdhan Circuit

Foreign Tourists

1359. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how many foreign tourists visited J and K, Rajasthan and Orissa during this year 1994-95 ending October, 1994 indicating the countries and whether there is any increase in tourist traffic particularly in Ladakh and Jaipur;

(b) whether Government have formulated the National Policy on Tourism in the country so far, if so, the salient features thereof and if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) what effective measures Government have taken till date to develop and improve the infrastructure of tourism in the country particularly in Rajasthan and financial help rendered during 1994-95 as compared to 1993-94 to the State of Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) According to the information available from the State Governments, the estimated number of foreign tourists who visited Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Orissa during April to October 1994 were as given below:

Jammu and Kashmir	22,188
Rajasthan	2,06,408
Orissa	11,051

The major countries from where these tourists arrived include U.K., U.S.A., France, Germany, Italy, Australia, Japan, Switzerland etc. While there has been an increase of about 42 percent in tourist traffic to Ladakh, there is a decline of about 15 per cent in the case of Jaipur.

(b) The Government has already formulated the national policy on tourism, which is incorporated in the National Action Plan for tourism presented to the Parliament in 1992. The policy envisages substantial increase in the international tourist traffic to India and diversification of tourism product of the country with the assistance of the State Governments and the private sector.

(c) The improvement of tourism infrastructure is a continuous process and is the primary responsibility of the State Government. The Central Department of Tourism provide financial assistance on the basis of specific proposals received from them, the merits of such proposals and their inter-se priorities. The Central assistance sanctioned to Rajasthan during 1993-94 was Rs. 285.70 lakhs. For the year 1994-95, the Development of Tourism has agreed to sanction 11 projects/schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 231.00 lakhs subject to submission of admissible detailed project proposals.

Construction of air-strips in the country

1360. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of air-strips constructed in different parts of the country during 1993-94;

(b) the number of air strips proposed to be constructed during 1994-95, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have any Proposal to construct Air-strips in Pauri, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttar Pradesh in the near future to boost the tourism potential of the hill areas;

(d) if so, when the air-strip is likely to be commissoned; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No new air-strip was constructed during 1993-94 by National Airport Authority (NAA).

(b) NAA has plan to construct airport at Tura in Meghalaya in 1994-95.

(c) to (e) Development of new airports depends upon traffic potential, demand from scheduled airlines, and availability of funds. In the absence of demands from airlines, and also due to constraints of resources, NAA has no plan to construct airport at Pauri in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh.

हवाई अड्डों पर शीत भंडार की सुविधाओं का उपलब्ध कराया जाना ।

1361. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ताजा फलों और सब्जियों के निर्यात हेतु हवाई अड्डों पर शीत भंडारण की सुविधायें प्रदान करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो हवाई अड्डों के नाम सहित तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इसे कब तक कार्यान्वित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) जी हां । राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण और भारत अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन